

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 21-0027R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmembers Torrence, Middleton, Burnett, Bullock, McCray, Ramos, Stokes,
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Assigned to: Health, Environment, and Technology Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Health Department, Department of
Housing and Community Development, Department of Public Works, Mayor's Office of
Performance and Innovation, Baltimore Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Informational Hearing - Illegal Dumping**

3 FOR the purpose of inviting the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works and the
4 Acting Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, as well
5 as representatives from the Law Department, the Health Department, and the Baltimore
6 Police Department to explain how their agencies assist in solving the problem of illegal
7 dumping in the City.

8 **Recitals**

9 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to better understand what limitations and challenges
10 hamper the Department of Public Works' ("DPW") and the Department of Housing and
11 Community Development's ("DHCD") response to illegal dumping;

12 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to know what additional functions and particular
13 staff DPW and DHCD need to increase their efficiency in responding to illegal dumping;

14 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to better understand the role technology currently
15 plays in responding to illegal dumping and what opportunities there are to pursue newer, more
16 capable technology;

17 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to understand how DPW and DHCD use data
18 analysis to find areas that are the frequent targets of illegal dumping;

19 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to better understand the importance of a renewed
20 educational campaign and communication strategy regarding littering and illegal dumping, and
21 the role of each agency in promoting this campaign;

22 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like the know what avenues are worth exploring to
23 increase cooperation between DPW and DHCD and any other agencies that are involved in
24 solving the problem of illegal dumping, such as the Law Department and the Health Department;

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.

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1 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like to hear an overview of the City and State laws that
2 address illegal dumping; and

3 **WHEREAS**, The City Council would like the Baltimore Police Department to explain the
4 impact of illegal dumping on public safety and criminal activity

5 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
6 Council invites the Acting Director of the Department of Public Works and the Acting
7 Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development, as well as
8 representatives from the Law Department, the Health Department, and the Baltimore Police
9 Department to explain how their agencies assist in solving the problem of illegal dumping in the
10 City.

11 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the
12 Acting Director of the Department of Public Works, the Acting Commissioner of the Department
13 of Housing and Community Development, the City Solicitor, the Health Commissioner, the
14 Police Commissioner, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.